

Gen. John A. Lejeune's Birthday Message

On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of the Continental Congress.

Since that date, many thousand men have borne the name Marine. In memory of them, it is fitting that we, who are Marines, should commemorate the Birthday of our Corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.

The record of our Corps is one which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence, the Marine Corps has been in action against the nation's foes. From the battle of

Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war, and in the long eras of tranquility at home.

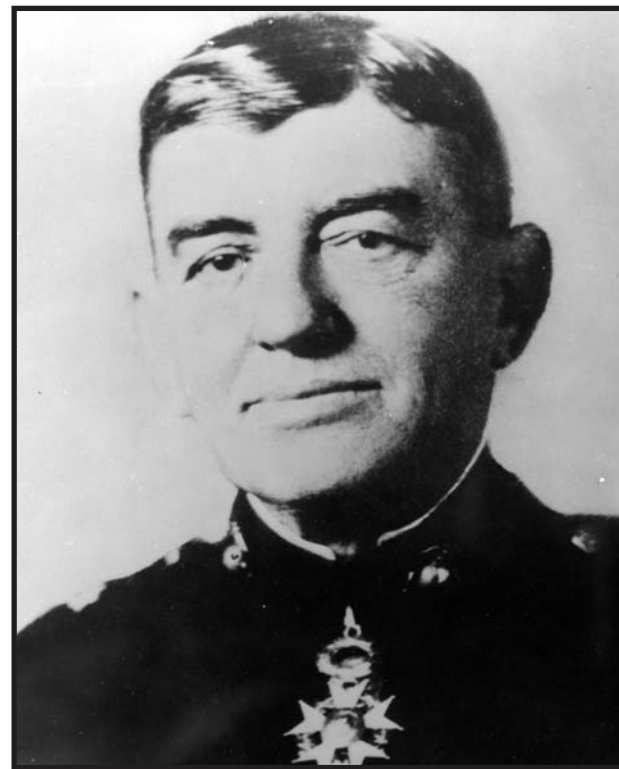
Generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres and in every corner of the seven seas that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.

In every battle and skirmish since the birth of our Corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term Marine has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.

This high name of dis-

tinction and soldierly repute we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the Corps.

With it, we also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our Corps from generation to generation and has been the distinguishing mark of the Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish, Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as "Soldiers of the Sea" since the founding of the Corps.



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Lieutenant Gen. John A. Lejeune, often referred to as "the greatest of all Leathernecks," during his more than 40 years service with the Marine Corps, led the famed Second Division (Army) in World War I, and was Major General Commandant of the Marine Corps from June 1920 to March 1929.

Happy Birthday Marines!

Parris Island Enlisted Birthday Ball dates:

RTR Sgt. & Below	WFTBn. Sgt. & Below	H&SBn. Sgt. & Below
Saturday	Friday, Nov. 7	Friday, Nov. 14
Tickets: \$8	Tickets: \$10	Tickets: \$14
Cocktails: 6:30 p.m.	Cocktails: 7:30 p.m.	Cocktails: 5:00 p.m.
Ceremony: 8:30 p.m.	Ceremony: 8:30 p.m.	Ceremony: 6:30 p.m.
POC: Sgt. Blutcher, 228-3154	POC: Company office 228-2748	POC: Company office 228-2412